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**DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.131**

Dear Sir:

We, Dave McDysan, Howard Lee Thomas, and Lei Yao, declare as follows:

1. We were employed by MCI, Inc., now an affiliate of Verizon Communications, Inc., assignee in interest for the subject matter of the above-referenced patent application, U.S. Application Serial Number 09/723,501, when the invention was conceived in this country and when the application was subsequently filed on November 28, 2000. In that capacity, we have personal knowledge of the facts and circumstances stated herein, except those statements which are made upon information and belief as set forth below.

2. We are joint inventors of the above-referenced patent application (Exhibit N).